CHILD PORN BUST RESULTS IN 31 ARRESTS, PG6





'30s wisdom for 30-somethings

Great Depression survivors doubt generation Xers can cope with a recession

JENNIFER HILLIKER for Metro Calgary

Marge Zankl was born into a poor family with 10 other children in the worst economic time this country has ever weathered.

While her family happily lived through the 1930s she doesn't think young people today can endure a recession the same way

"They haven't learned how to cope," the 78-yearold Calgarian said, referring mainly to generation X. "The young couples today think, 'I've got to have the best of everything right now because I deserve it.' Well, no you don't. You deserve what you can afford, and that's that.

Zankl said people need to realize the importance



Marge Zankl's isn't convinced gen-Xers have the coping skills to endure a recession.

of family, like they did during the Great Depression.

"Family didn't cost anything. We didn't really think we were poor because we had a great life. We always got a new pair of shoes in September when we went back to school, but by the end of June, the shoes would be worn out so we went barefoot all summer.

"We thought we went barefoot because we liked to, but in actuality it was because we couldn't afford

new shoes."

Betty McHugh, 77, said when you don't have anything else, you become closer with those around

"I think people today will learn the value of family and also the value of being a good employee. Employers will finally have employees that do an actual day's worth," she

Rahul Bali, 21, disagrees

with the way people who lived through the Great Depression view how society copes today.

"They had their own methods and ideologies," he said. "We of the younger and newer era have our own. The old folks need to understand that no one taught them how to cope with it and they did fine and they should let us do it in our own way."

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A perfect girl's flick?

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Giving birth to twins at 60



Rankin family reunion

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Carlos Navarro walks under a massive sculpture that was unveiled Thursday morning and now stands on the corner of 8 Avenue and 9 Street SW. The TORODE group unveiled two new pieces of public art Thursday in the city's downtown.

New sculpture takes root downtown

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ART It was 1,500 hours in the making, but Calgarians will get to enjoy every hour for years to come.

TORODE Group of Companies unveiled one of its two monumental sculptures Thursday morning at the 8 West office tower at 903 — 8th Ave. SW.

Calgary Root was de-

artist Steve Tobin and features bent steel pipes that soar 24 feet high.

"There is no doubt these sculptures will bring Calgarians pleasure and excitement. They will also signed by world-renowned enhance our city and empower our citizens to engage in thought-provoking conversation and debate, Robin Murphy of TORODE

The other sculpture unveiled is decorating the area by Hotel Arts Galleria. | specifics

Stelmach says 'stay the course'

LINDSAY WALLIS for Metro Calgary



ECONOMY Premier Ed Stelmach said Alberta will "stay the course," in an address to members of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce at the Palliser hotel Thursday.

According to Stelmach, Alberta is in a good position to weather the downturn and come out of it with increased productivity, because the recovery of the global economy will be reliant on

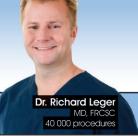
"We are one of the few places in the world in a position to substantially increase energy production," Stelmach said.

Tom Simons, president and CEO of Canadian Energy Services, said he was "completely disappointed" with the premier's comments because, among other things, they lacked

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Blaze investigation continues The Calgary Fire Department says it is still investigating the blaze that claimed three lives in a basement suite, and charges are pending. After its investigation, to be completed by early next week, the victims' landlord could face up to \$15,000 and six months in jail per charge if convicted. METRO CALGARY

Local



Learn the secret to lasting fitness

Promoters say you will learn how to lose weight and keep it off at the Calgary Health Show this weekend. On Saturday and Sunday at the Roundup Centre, Calgary doctors and exhibitors will show visitors detox, diet, lifestyle and fitness secrets, including Dr. Terry Willard of the famed Wild Rose Herbal D-tox.

60-year-old has twins; ethical concern?

ALICIA FOX for Metro Calgary

While others her age consider retirement, 60-yearold Ranjit Hayer of Calgary has become a first-time mom of twins.

Manjot and Gurpreet, born in the Foothills Hospital Tuesday, were conceived through in vitro fertilization after Hayer travelled to India to have the procedure done. there's controversy brewing, with some skeptical that it was a good idea.

"Every risk of pregnancy you could think of would be increased significantly (by her age)," said Dr. Cal Greene, medical director

of the regional fertility program in Calgary.

He said that Canada does not approve of treating women over 50 years of age, which triggers what "reproductive calls tourism.'

According to Asia Times reproductive Online. tourism is a \$450-million business in India, with people paying for both in vitro fertilization and for surrogate mothers to make themselves parents. Greene said other countries also have lax rules, and that this isn't a medical breakthrough. "We can make little old ladies 90 years old pregnant if they have a uterus, but I don't think we should," he said.

He questions the ethics of having children at an advanced age, saying "Who's going to take care of (the kids) when they're gone?" and that it's generally un-

Suzanne Tough, associate professor in the department of pediatrics at the University of Calgary, said health risks for the baby

include developmental delay and health problems if born early. "(Women) between the ages of 24 and 35 have the lowest likelihood of preterm delivery, low birth weight and pregnancy complications."



Experts ponder the impact of reproductive tourism on the health system at

Debate on pay hike cut will go on

ALICIA FOX for Metro Calgary

POLITICS The pay hike debate isn't over yet.

Ald. Andre Chabot is renewing his efforts to cut council's pay hike, but says he's softened his position and hopes that other members have "seen the light," too. Chabot will be suggesting a 3.5 per cent increase as opposed to the alreadyapproved 5.5 per cent hike during Monday's council meeting. He had previously suggested a 2.75 per cent hike, but said that Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart had amended it thus that council members may have felt they were voting to get rid of any hike at all.

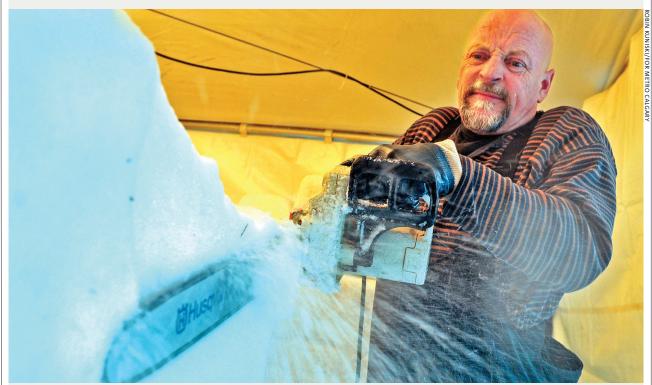
"Hopefully we can get it on council floor and at least debate it," he said, adding that Ald. Dale Hodges — who would have voted against the motion — will probably be missing from council again.

'For me it's all about how is it going to impact our budget long-term," he

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Set designer Carl Schlichting carves out a few chunks of ice out of a larger block to fit into a large ice stage being built at Olympic Plaza. The stage, for a play called Nix, is made of 25 truckloads of snow and is Canada's first theatre of ice and snow.

News in brief

HEALTH Albertans are paying a new University of Calgary

study says. Economics professor Aidan Hollis released a research paper Thursday that says provincial government pricing and insurance policies are distorting the generic drug

CRASH Two residents of Marlborough had a rude awakening yesterday morning when a city bus crashed into their parked truck, slamming it into their yard. Police said two people suffered minor injuries.

Council looking at increasing wards

POPULATION Ald. Jim Stevenson says it's time to fix the mistakes we made six years ago.

City council could make adjustments to the city's 14 ward boundaries on Monday after what one alderman views as a clearly unequal distribution of population due to growth.

"The boundaries should have been drastically changed six years ago,' Stevenson said. "But they just tinkered with them ... As a result I now have 100,000 people in my ward."

Ald. Andre Chabot is bringing forth a motion to increase the number of wards to 16 for the 2010 elections. JENNIFER HILLIKER/

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lot more than they should for generic drugs and the provincial government is to blame, a

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Gang member allegedly breaches probation

A well-known gang member on statutory release for manslaughter was arrested last night in northeast Calgary, according to police. Drew Martineau, 24, was allegedly breaching a condition of his probation when police found him in a vehicle in the alley of the 1000 block of Motherwell Road NE. METRO CALGARY

City water delivery partnerships: Part one

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series exploring the pros and cons of third-party water service delivery. See Monday's edition for part two.

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As a part of a regional land use strategy, the City of Calgary is discussing options for the delivery of water in municipalities surrounding Calgary.

After articles that ran in Metro on Tuesday and Wednesday, there is considerable debate over third-party water service providers. There are benefits to having a third-party service provider like EPCOR, who provides water services in the greater Edmonton area and Okotoks, according to the vice-president of water development.

"We're part of a large and growing movement around Canada where mu-

Edmonton rates

• EPCOR points out rates in Edmonton increased 8.6 per cent between 2001 and 2006

when inflation in the area increased 25 per cent.

nicipalities are looking at alternate sources," Joe Gysel told Metro.

And that is because they provide clean, efficient and affordable water, he added.

"In fact, the municipalities that we've been dealing with have found a

large decrease in costs, especially on the capital construction component of delivering the assets," he

Furthermore, the Sierra Legal Defence Fund said Edmonton was a "city renowned for the high quality of its water treatment system."

Okotoks town council signed a 20-year deal with EPCOR to run a public-private water service, according to town councillor Ed Sands, and he said it's been a wonderful partnership.

"We still own the utility and we decide the rates. It's been a very good relationship," he said.

Sands said one of the biggest benefits is the depth of having a larger corporation run a utility like water services, especially for smaller municipalities like Okotoks.

He pointed out that when a flood hit Okotoks in 2005, EPCOR was much more suited to handle such unexpected surprises.

"I think, without being overly oblivious, as long as they turn the tap on and clean water comes out, people haven't really noticed the switch in service," Sands said, adding prices have remained very good.

News in brief

MURDER Investigators in the murder of 77-year-old Rino (Ray) Johnston released information they are looking for the new white truck he owned. Police revealed they are searching for his missing 2008 GMC, extended cab truck equipped with a white topper. "We are looking at many different possibilities ... It certainly is a possibility that the vehicle was abandoned, and then stolen by someone completely unrelated to the homicide," acting Staff Sgt. Greg James said.

NURSING Playing with dolls isn't usually a part of education, but the University of Calgary is breaking tradition. Nursing students will now have access to manikins so lifelike, their hearts can stop. A new state-ofthe-art simulation education centre opened Friday. In the centre, students can recreate more than 90 different realistic clinical situations. Dianne Tapp, interim dean of the faculty of nursing, said the new centre is clearly leading edge in Western Canada. **METRO CALGARY**



Scott Steele, 20, remembers how nervous he felt when auditioning for the Young Canadians. His advice is those auditioning is just be confident.

Auditions can be life-changing

JENNIFER HILLIKER

The Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede are looking for new talent this weekend to feature in its 10-day show.

Hundreds of children aged seven to 11 are expected to audition for the troupe, which 13-year member Scott Steele says prompted lifestyle change.

"If it weren't for the Young Canadians, I'd be at home playing videogames and about 80 pounds heavier," he said. "I wouldn't have any motivation."

Steele is applying for the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts in England this year, something he never imagined at age seven when he first auditioned for the Young Canadians. "I was mad at my mom for making me go.

But it took me about a week of being in the Young Canadians to enjoy it," he

This year the group will be accepting about 16 female singers, 16 male singers, and 16 dancers.

"They will get to work with incredibly talented instructors and special guests, they get to be part of a huge show," said Patricia Metz with the Young Canadians.



Rebecca, High School Upgrading Student



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Ontario to invest in 'smart' power grid Ontario will invest in rebuilding the province's electricity distribution system into a "smart" grid to better utilize renewable energy, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Thursday. So-called smart grids allow for the two-way flow of electricity, so it can be distributed from a wider range of sources. REUTERS

Canada



Trudeau family grows

Liberal MP Justin Trudeau and one-year-old son Xavier, left, welcomed a new addition to the family yesterday as Justin's wife, Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, gave birth to the couple's second child, a girl. Ella-Grace Margaret Trudeau weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, when she was born Thursday morning. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

REPORT The Conservative government has no way to track the environmental benefits of two major programs it has said would result in significant reductions

in green-**Spending** house gas Feds have no say

 Auditor gen-Fraser said that missioner when Ottawa has found. gives money to the pro- transit tax vinces for specific programs, nounced in there's no way 2006 as a to ensure the way to cut money is spent emissions as intended.

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fact "lead to negligible reductions" based on the government's own revised estimates — and the means to measure its actual impact



Environment commissioner Scott Vaughan speaks during a news conference Thursday with auditor general Sheila Fraser in Ottawa.

haven't yet been created, Scott Vaughn's audit of various government tools to reduce air emissions revealed.

There is also no scientific basis to claim that a \$1.5-billion climate change fund for the provinces will result in 80-megatonne cut in emissions, the audit said.

The government used "flawed analysis" to arrive at the 80-megatonne figure and Ottawa put no onus on the provinces to account for how the cash is spent when it set up the fund in the 2007 budget. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tory environment analysis 'flawed': Watchdog | Kids saved in porn bust

Two children rescued, 31 people charged in Ontario raids

Searing images of the sexual abuse of infants, toddlers and schoolchildren from across Ontario make up the evidence in the largest child pornography bust in Ontario history, police say.

The cross-Ontario raids freed a four-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl this week, but police said they fear there are plenty of other children still suffering from sexual abuse and exploitation on the Inter-

"For those children waiting to be rescued, we are looking for you," Insp. Andrew Stewart of the Ontario Provincial Police said. "Tell someone."

His comments came Thursday at a news conference as police officers from

"For those children waiting to be rescued, we are looking for you."

Insp. Andrew Stewart

18 forces from across the province announced the arrests of 31 men and boys charged with child pornography and sexual abuse and exploitation on the Internet. Ages of the 31 accused range from a 14year-old to a 60-year-old man.

Ninety-three charges have been laid, and police said they expect more as the investigations contin-

Police declined to release any information about the two rescued children.

Many of the accused were relatives or neighbours of their alleged victims, police say.

Some of their alleged victims were literally out of the cradle.

"The most fundamental responsibility of our society is to protect our children," Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner Julian Fantino said.

Charges laid this week range from sexual assault to possession of child pornography, some of which features the rape of children on video.

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News in brief

SENTENCE A Toronto judge sentenced Maitham Alzehrani, 37, of Windsor, Ont., who conspired with Albanian smugglers in the United States to smuggle immigrants across the Detroit River on jet skis, to 41/2 years in prison, less pre-trial custody.

REFUGEES The Supreme Court of Canada declined Thursday to hear activists' claims that Canada should not send refugees back to the United States because it is not a "safe" country for them. Human rights groups had wanted the court to declare unconstitutional an agreement that allows Canada to stop asylum seekers at the border.

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La Nina will persist into spring but should gradually weaken during that period. The U.S. Climate Prediction Center said Thursday that the weather system, which creates cooler-than-average temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, will weaken steadily until April, with an eventual return to neutral conditions. REUTERS

World



Audio of splashdown released

York's Hudson River last month is heard in audio recordings released Thursday telling air traffic controllers, "We're going to be in the Hudson." The recordings of the mayday call, released by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, provide a glimpse into the pilot's demeanour before the splashdown on Jan. 15.

Japan Job search begins



College students raise their fists at a job-hunting rally Thursday in Tokyo. Some 3,000 students from business schools kicked off their efforts to job-hunt and held a morale-boosting rally.

U.S. stimulus doubted: Polls

Americans voice growing concern over the cost of U.S. President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plans and assail as a weakness the disagreement in Washington over how to spend the money.

Two opinion polls show support dwindling. In a Rasmussen Reports survey, 37 per cent of citizens backed the legislation in Congress, down from 45 per cent two weeks ago, while 43 per cent opposed it.

In a Gallup opinion poll, 38 per cent wanted the bill passed as it stood, while 37 per cent wanted major changes.

Obama's fellow Democrats and rival Republicans in Washington are looking for signs of shifting opinion over the landmark bill meant to help rescue the U.S. economy from recession.

Even Democrats have reservations. Some voters decry a lack of political consensus; others argue the government should do more to explain the plan's benefits to voters. **REUTERS**

Bonuses banned

• The Senate voted Thursday to ban bonuses for top executives at banks or companies receiving taxpayer money from a \$700 billion bailout fund. The measure was approved as an amendment to the stimulus plan.

800 civilians flee Sri Lankan war zone

CONFLICT At least 800 civilians caught in raging fighting escaped Sri Lanka's war zone Thursday, the military said, and the government renewed a call for Tamil Tiger rebels to surrender unconditionally or face destruction.

Battles flared around a shrinking wedge of jungle in the Indian Ocean island's

Civilians trapped

• Tens of thousands of civilians are being held in the war zone, under grave threat of harm from violence and a lack of food and medicine, aid agencies say.

northeast, measured at about 200 square kilometres, in which the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam separatists are trapped.

Troops killed 15 rebels, including three senior guerrillas, while capturing the coastal village of Chalai, the last redoubt of the LTTE's Sea Tigers naval wing. Three soldiers died in battle there, a military spokesman said. REUTERS

News in brief

MILITARY Suicides in the U.S. Army jumped 11 per cent to an all-time high in 2008, as the stress of ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan took a greater toll on U.S. soldiers, the armed service said on Thursday. The figures show the military's suicide rate for the first time eclipsing the comparable suicide rate for U.S. civilians.

REUTERS

Melting ice sheet could flood coasts

CLIMATE North America's coastlines would be hit especially hard by rising sea levels if the huge West Antarctic Ice Sheet melts in a warming world, as some experts fear, University of Toronto-based scientists said Thursday in the scientific journal Nature.

The loss of that ice sheet alone would inundate coastal areas, swamping New York, Washington D.C., south Florida, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, with sea levels in some places higher by 21

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Last December, an Iraqi

shoes at former U.S. presi-

dent George W. Bush. Last

Monday a protester threw

a shoe at Chinese Prime

Minister Wen Jiabao at

Cambridge University in

this week.

England.

feet or more.

Factors like changes in the Earth's rotation from the loss of the ice sheet would make sea level changes variable around the globe, they said. The southern Indian Ocean also would be heavily affected.

The West Antarctic Ice Sheet covers about 350,000 square miles, the size of Texas and Oklahoma combined. Its volume equals about 100 times the amount of water in all of North America's Great Lakes. **REUTERS**

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hit by thrown ing after a tiny island in shoe in Sweden **PROTEST** Israel's ambassador to Sweden has become the latest public figure to be targeted by a applications received by shoe-throwing protester. Police said Ambassador Benny Dagan was hit on

> CHINA Some of the farmers displaced to make way for China's vast Three Gorges Dam will be resettled again under a plan issued Thursday that vows to cure poverty, unemployment and environmental hazards in the area. The "co-ordinated urban-rural" plan for sprawling Chongqing municipality in China's southwest also covers the dam area, which has been troubled by social unrest, tainted water and landslides. REUTERS

News in brief

AUSTRALIA A "dream job" look-Australia has attracted 11,000 applicants - including Osama bin Laden, who did not make the shortlist. One of the video Tourism Queensland was a 30second prank video featuring the world's most wanted man.

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Easy money or costly scam?

Do research to avoid getting stuck in a pyramid scheme



doesn't want make more money? Especially these days. So the offer to

make easy cash is tempting. And that's what a company called BIM (Business in Motion) is offering. We found out firsthand when we went inside: Join the organization, and you could make serious dollars, and get dream vacations. Almost every night in hotel conference rooms across the country, BIM is holding information sessions about its exclusive money-making plan, with the promise that it is on the cusp of exploding into a profitable venture bigger than Amway.

Sound too good to be true? BIM says it's not. It says that hasn't stopped around 8,000 Canadians from getting in. The man behind BIM, Alan Kippax, says the company has already brought in \$30 million in sales. And just what does BIM sell? Its main product is the UltraLife travel club, with online access to steep discounts on resort travel all over the world. Attend a presentation, and you could get the sense you'll soon be relaxing in sunny climes while the money pours in.

\$9,000 package for just \$3,200 at one of its presentations. We get ourselves inside and do some digging. We attend a few sessions and discover the real attraction is not the holiday, but the promise of big The money. pitch is bringing

new

BIM says you can get a

buyers. And when you help Alan Kippax do that, you can join its pay structure and, he says, potentially make thousands of dollars signing up new members. But potential

buyers should approach with caution. Experts we've spoken to say BIM looks and sounds like an illegal pyramid scheme, which means it has a limited shelf life and buyers could lose their money. To prevent pyramids, Canada's Competition Bureau forbids any company from operating a business that makes most of its money off recruiting. Another red flag for pyramid schemes? The product sold is often of

little value.

So just how much is its travel product worth? We compare BIM's \$3,200 travel club with discount sites available on the Internet. find

cheaper

prices for the same date at the same resort as in BIM's package.

Alan Kippax insists his company is legal. But the RCMP admitted to us that they suspect it is an illegal pyramid scheme. They told us they've passed on their concerns to the Competition Bureau. The Competition Bureau would not say whether it is investigating.

Meanwhile, BIM continues to pitch its plan to Canadians desperate for cash during these tough times. If you are unsure about joining a money-making venture, do lots of homework. Turn to the Internet and search for any complaints about the people involved. And before you hand over your money, understand the law so that you don't risk losing cash to a scheme that may eventually collapse.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. (9 p.m. NT) on CBC Television.

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Letters

Considering helmet rule for NHL fights a welcome move

A statement by the NHL players' association chief that it could consider making helmet use compulsory during ice hockey fights is a welcome move. These injuries and fatalities must be prevented and controlled and needs no further discussion. Players who refuse to wear helmets during fights should be banned from playing hockey. The public health community has a societal duty to speak up on behalf of those who

are vulnerable to injury, as well as to the economics of treatment and lack of prevention.

Injuries cost our healthcare system so significantly. Injuries account for \$12 billion of health-care expenditures per year. After cancer and cardiovascular disease, injuries are the most costly condition for our healthcare system. Injury is the leading cause of death and hospitalization of Canadians under 45 and the fourth leading cause of death among all Canadians. DR. EDIRIWEERA DESAPRIYA, VANCOUVER

Views

Water conservation a must as city expands



I had to rationalize that really hot bath in the soaker tub last night.

Sure, it was way more water than I needed, and I hate to think of the carbon burned heating the water by gas. But it felt so good.

I told you there would be rationalization. It's my kids. They avoid baths and showers at every turn. They never take a bath or shower unless I make a formal request.

Their attitude might be the way of the future.

Water, it's said, will be the

new oil. We can't make more of it. And the population is growing.

Here in Calgary, drought and lack of water is one of the biggest threats.

Scientists believe in just six years our summer demands will exceed the amount of water we're allowed to take from the rivers. As Calgary doubles its population in the coming decades, we'll need to cut our consumption in half.

We face a number of realities. Under a licence, we can only take a certain amount of water from the Elbow and Bow rivers. At the same time, climate change means hotter weather for this area. This means more volatile weather, less rain and snow, and more water loss through evaporation.

Calgary gets its water

from two rivers, the Bow and the Elbow, which are fed by glaciers. Normally, the glaciers are replenished with snow each year. But warmer temperatures means less snowfall, and receding glaciers. And as the water flows down, it evaporates at a greater rate.

Tension is building. Look south to fights over water licences in the American Midwest and you get the idea.

Conservation, as ho hum as it seems, is the answer. And there is reason for hope. Despite growing to one million from 650,000, the city doesn't use more water, say city officials. That's because we have better technologies, including low flush toilets, new pipes, and increased awareness. Our per capita water usage has been dropping, and that factors in all

businesses and people.

On the plus side, as well, Calgarians pay full freight for water in terms of the cost of collecting and treating it. Our water isn't subsidized. But with a growing city, you can expect a few changes. City officials question whether using potable water to water lawns, or flushing a toilet make sense. They'd like more use of water barrels, and water harvesting.

The water department will present its 2008 report to council this month. Certainly, any way to make conservation sexy and give more incentives to save water makes sense.

We can't rely on stinky boys to carry the load.

Janice Paskey teaches journalism at Mount Royal College, serves on her community association board and is proud mom to two boys.

Quote of the Day

"The order from the Vatican is an important and good signal. It makes clear that Holocaust denial cannot be allowed to stand without consequences."

— German Chancellor Angela Merkel after the Vatican decided to order a traditionalist bishop who denies the Holocaust to recant his views.



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Warner Music posts gains

Warner Music Group posted better-than-expected profits of \$23 million US, up from a year-earlier loss of \$16 million, despite falling CD sales and slower growth in digital revenue. REUTERS

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Business

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Certicom subject of bidding war?

When it comes to wireless, it's usually the handset manufacturers and their sleek, sexy gadgets that garner the most attention not the companies that contribute to the development of the devices' sophisticated electronic

That was the case with Certicom Corp. — that is, until it became the target of a bidding war initiated by long-time partner Research In Motion Ltd. that has boosted Certicom's shares by more than 75 per cent over the past month.

Certicom's technology was instrumental in allowing U.S. President Barack Obama to keep his Black-Berry and to use email, aid-

Just the facts on Certicom

- Based in Mississauga, Ont.
- Employs 120 people
- Holds some 470 patents
- Licenses and encrypts soft-

ware used by Research in Motion in its BlackBerry, which is known for its highly envied wireless email security

ed by the fact that the U.S. National Security Administration had already approved Certicom's encryption software for government communications.

RIM is now leading the race to acquire Certicom after outbidding California-based VeriSign Inc., an Internet security provider, with a \$3-per-share offer that values the company at about \$131 million.

Certicom said yesterday

VeriSign has until next Wednesday to sweeten its \$2.10-per-share bid.

Shares of Certicom closed at \$3.20, up four cents, yesterday on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Analysts say RIM decided to launch a hostile takeover to prevent its competitors, including Motorola, Oracle, Unisys and IBM, from acquiring the company.

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Cigars Obamaniacs smoke, too



Trying to cash in on U.S. President Barack Obama's popularity, Granada Cigars has produced hand-rolled Obama cigars seen here being inspected in a Nicaraguan manufacturing plant Thursday — wrapped with a band that says Obama 44. Obama is a former smoker.

Bombardier to cut 1,300 jobs globally

LAYOFFS Bombardier Inc. said Thursday that its aerospace unit plans to cut more than 1,300 jobs as it braces for a drop in business jet orders.

The Montreal-based company said the 1,010 temporary workers and subcontractors and 350 permanent employees represent about 4.5 per cent of its 30,000 worldwide jobs. The reduction of the permanent employees is expected to cost less than \$5 million.

The layoffs, which include unionized, salaried and management workers, will take place at its facilities in Montreal, Wichita and Belfast over a five-month period, beginning this month.

Put bad debt in "bad bank": IMF

ECONOMY The International Monetary Fund warned Thursday of a more severe economic downturn unless governments move aggressively to fix the financial system by removing troubled assets from banks' books.

In a report prepared for

a meeting of Group of 20 developed and developing countries, the IMF noted policymakers had taken steps to address the crisis but said further action was

That action includes purging the banks of the bad debt by transferring

toxic assets into a "bad bank," the IMF said, a costly but tried-and-true plan.

"Action is needed on two fronts — to restore financial sectors to health and to bolster demand to sustain a durable recovery in global activity," the fund REUTERS





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U.S. Treasury overpaid by \$78 billion US in bailout: Watchdog

The U.S. Treasury Department overpaid about \$78 billion US during its first set of transactions under the \$700-billion bailout, putting about \$254 billion into financial institutions, but receiving only \$176 billion in value, the watchdog panel for the Troubled Asset Relief Program said. REUTERS

Madoff's clients include famous

Hall of Fame baseball pitcher Sandy Koufax and **World Trade Center devel**oper Larry Silverstein are among well-known people listed as customers of accused swindler **Bernard Madoff, according** to new court papers.

Among the thousands of others on the roster are U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, imprisoned class-action lawyer Melvyn Weiss, and Madoff's sons, Mark and Andrew, and his brother, Peter.

The 162-page document was filed late on Wednesday with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York

"You need to check ... to determine whether these individuals are clients."

Lawyer Ira Lee Sorkin

as part of the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC by a court-appointed trustee to recover assets for defrauded customers.

In all, five lists were filed with the court, labelled customers, vendors, employees, brokers/dealers and other parties.

The customer list, put together by AlixPartners LLP, a firm assisting the trustee, contains names and addresses of individuals and institutions, but does not include amounts of money.

One of Madoff's lawyers, Ira Lee Sorkin, is listed, but declined to comment Thursday on whether he had invested with Madoff.

Of the client list, Sorkin said "vou need to check with the receiver or the trustee to determine whether these individuals are clients, customers, investors or just simply received mail.

U.K. Another rate cut amid gloomy times



Pedestrians walk past the Bank of England in London on Thursday. The Bank of England cut interest rates by another 50 basis points on Thursday to a record low of one per cent, aiming to help the British economy out of recession by getting consumers and companies to spend again.

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New Satyam head sold stocks before deals aborted

SCANDAL The new chief executive officer of fraud-hit Satyam Computer Services sold 40,000 shares of the company in the days before the previous board's aborted decision to buy two related firms, exchange data shows.

Disclosures sent by Satyam to the Bombay Stock Exchange in December show A.S. Murthy (though his name is now spelled Murty) sold shares in the company on Dec. 12, 15 and 16.

A Satyam spokesman said the Murty sold his shares for "personal reasons."

Burger King's quarterly earnings no Whopper

EARNINGS Burger King Holdings posted a lowerthan-expected quarterly profit Thursday and cut its forecast for the year as a stronger U.S. dollar weighs on the chain's results.

The company, best known for its Whopper hamburgers, said profit fell to \$44 million US, or 33 cents per share, from \$49 million, or 36 cents per share, a year earlier. Analysts had expected profits of 37 cents per share.

Revenue rose 3 per cent to \$634 million.

Worldwide, sales at stores open at least a year rose 2.9 per cent, while in North America, same-store sales rose 1.9 per cent due to value offerings that attracted cash-strapped din-REUTERS

In **brief**

CONTRACTS The company whose peanut butter and paste has been linked to an outbreak of salmonella food poisoning has been suspended from federal government contracts, the U.S. Agriculture Department said Thursday. Peanut Corp. of America and a subsidiary, Tidewater Blanching LLC, cannot participate in federal contracts for a year, the USDA said, but were proposing a ban of three years. It said the company's actions "lack business integrity and business honesty." REUTERS



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University assistant coach resigns after incident
St. Francis Xavier X-Men basketball assistant coach Garry Gallimore, left, resigned Wednesday after a physical confrontation with an official in a Jan. 28 loss to the Cape Breton Capers in Nova Scotia Gallimore apologized to the official and both schools. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



Hall call for Weir

Mike Weir, left, was elected as the 2009 nominee for the Canadian Golf
Hall of Fame yesterday. The 2003 Masters Champion will officially be
inducted into the Hall as part of the week-long festivities for the 100th
playing of the RBC Canadian Open in July at Glen Abbey in Oakville.

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Motivation doesn't seem to help

NHL RESULT

Blackhawks 5 Flames 2

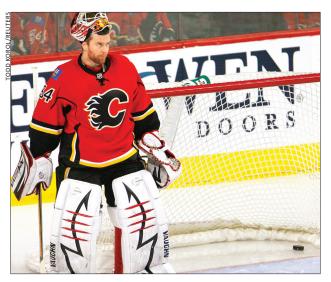




taurence Heinen for Metro Calgary

THE SKINNY: Despite a visit from general manager Darryl Sutter during a closed-door meeting after Tuesday's 3-1 loss in Dallas to the Stars, the Flames floundered at home and suffered their third straight defeat for the first time this season.

GOOD LADD: Former Calgary Hitmen forward Andrew Ladd scored once and added two assists to lead the Hawks to their third straight win and fourth in



Miikka Kiprusoff reacts to the first Chicago Blackhawks goal of the game in the first period Thursday night.

five contests during their marathon eight-game road trip.

THE QUOTE: "For whatever

reason, they've played very well against us and we haven't played very well against them," said Jarome Iginla, who finished with a minus-four rating. "We really wanted it to be a different story tonight."

THE SWEEP: Chicago dominated Calgary this season winning all four games while outscoring the Flames 19-7. It's the first time the Hawks have won a season series against their Western Conference rivals since 2001-02.

THE X-FACTOR: Chicago goalie Nikolai Khabibulin made 29 saves to improve his all-time record against the Flames to 22-5-2. The 'Bulin Wall has more wins against Calgary than any other team in the league.

THE POWER OUTAGE: The Flames managed just one shot on net during a pair of early second period power plays and then failed to score when Chicago forward Patrick Kane was as-

No Canada

• Chicago is unbeaten against Canadian teams this season.

sessed a double minor for high sticking later in the middle frame.

THE BACK BREAKER: With the Flames trailing by one in the third, Colin Fraser swatted a loose puck off Miikka Kiprusoff's left leg and in for an insurance goal to silence the sell-out crowd at the Pengrowth Saddledome.

THE MATINEE: In their lone afternoon game at home this season, the Flames welcome the Anaheim Ducks to the 'Dome on Saturday (1 p.m., Flames Pay-Per-View, Fan 960).

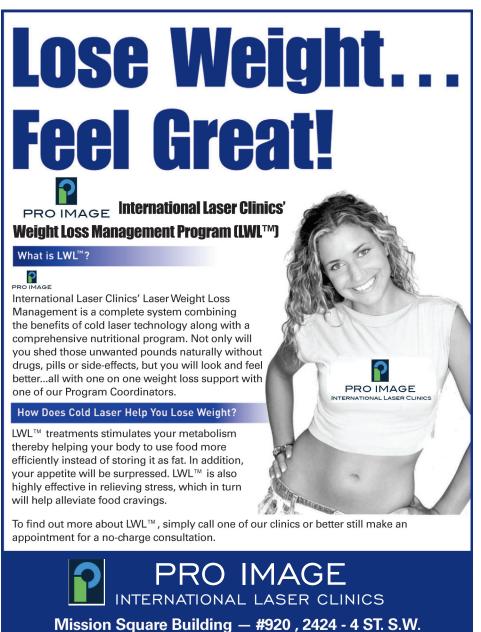
Bettman says Coyotes not dead

NHL NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league is attempting to assist the financially struggling Phoenix Coyotes, but said reports of the franchise's demise are "ridiculous" on Wednesday. Bettman did an interview with Coyotes TV announcers Dave Strader and Darren Pang after the first period of Phoenix's game at Detroit. Team owner Jerry Moyes has been seeking buyers for the Coyotes, who reportedly are losing more than US\$30 million per METRO NEWS SERVICES year.

Sports in brief

MLB The Toronto Blue Jays avoided arbitration with reliever Brian Tallet and claimed right-hander T.J. Beam off waivers from the Pirates on Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES





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Oilers get big shootout win in St. Louis

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THE SKINNY: The Edmonton Oilers opened a three-game road swing with a win they had to have, snapping a twogame losing skid thanks to shootout goals by Robert Nilsson and Sam Gagner and 33 saves from Dwayne Roloson.

THE QUOTE: "So many nights you're looking for your goalie to make the big saves to keep you in the game and, hopefully, you can capitalize at the other end," said assistant

NHL RESULT

Blues 1 Oilers 2 (SO



coach Charlie Huddy. "Roli did a great job and made some huge saves when he had to."

THE BIG PLAY: Nilsson got things started in the shootout, but after Roloson stopped T.J. Oshie and Brad Boyes, Gagner got the deciding goal, tucking a backhand shot just under the



Edmonton Oilers forward Zack Stortini fights with St. Louis Blues forward Cam Janssen.

crossbar behind Chris Mason.

SHOW ME STATE: The Oilers have beaten the Blues six

straight times over the past two seasons, including four straight victories in St. Louis. They're 3-0 against the Blues this season.

WORKHORSE: Roloson has already blown out 39 candles on the birthday cake, but he isn't showing his age as he held the Blues to a shorthanded goal by Jay McClement. This start was his 20th in the Oilers' last 22 games.

HORCOFF, GILBERT HURT:

Already without Lubomir Visnovsky, the Oilers lost first-line centre Shawn Horcoff and defenceman Tom Gilbert to lower-body injuries in the second period. Neither player returned.

Oilers put Visnovski on IR

NHL The Edmonton Oilers placed defenceman Lubomir Visnovsky on injured reserve Thursday. Visnovsky suffered a right shoulder injury during Tuesday's 3-1 loss to Chicago, and is not with the Oilers as they begin a threegame road trip in St. Louis. The 32-year-old backliner is fourth on the Oilers in scoring with eight goals and 31 points in 50 games.

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Phelps suspended three months

SWIMMING Record-setting Olympic champion Michael Phelps has been banned for three months by USA Swimming amid controversy over a photograph published in a British newspaper purportedly showing him smoking marijuana at a University of South Carolina house party.

Phelps' financial support has also been cut off for the same three-month period, the sport's national governing body said in a statement on its website on Thursday.

"This is not a situation where any anti-doping rule was violated, but we decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA Swimming member kids who

NBA Lakers. Celtics renewed

"We decided to send a strong message ... he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA **Swimming member** kids who look up to

USA Swimming statement

look up to him as a role model and a hero," the federation added.

"Michael has voluntarily accepted this reprimand and has committed to earn back our trust," the statement said





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Senators goalie Brian Elliott keeps his eye on the puck during the first period of a game against the Boston Bruins in Ottawa

Sports in brief

NBA Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh is doubtful to play in Friday's game against New Orleans with a sprained right knee but will accompany the team on the three-game road

Bosh left Wednesday's 115-107 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in the fourth quarter after suffering the injury and did not return. He went to a local hospital following the game for precautionary X-rays, which revealed no structural damage. He is considered day-to-day for the rest of the trip.

Calderon sat out Wednesday's game with a sore right hamstring that also caused the guard to miss six games in January. He will also make the trip and is probable for Friday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Bruins down Sens

MIKE BEASLEY



THE SKINNY: P.J. Axelsson scored in the shootout to give the Bruins a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Ottawa Senators after Chuck Kobasew tied the game for Boston on the power play with just over four minutes to play in regulation time.

THE TURNING POINT: At

the 14:54 mark of the final period, Ottawa's Antoine Vermette was given a double minor for high-sticking the Bruins' Michael Ryder, which led to Kobasew's tying tally for Boston.

DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS:

With the win, Boston has now won 11 of its last 12 road games while Ottawa has lost four straight games.

NHL RESULT

Bruins 4 Senators 3 (SO)





AWAY: Ottawa fans must get upset every time they see Zdeno Chara, an ex-Senator, score a goal against his old team like he did last night.

DAVID AND GOLIATH:

Boston started last night's game at the top of the NHL with 82 points, 41 more than

ROAD WARRIORS: If you counted just their 43 road points, the Bruins would be higher in the overall standings than the Senators, Atlanta Thrashers and New York Islanders.

SCOREBOARD

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FRIDAY'S GAMES Montreal at Buffalo Nashville at Minnesota

N.Y. Rangers at Dallas

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS L.A. Lakers 110 Boston 109 (OT) Philadelphia 99 Indiana 94 Dallas at Utah FRIDAY'S GAMES

Orlando at Indiana Atlanta at Charlotte Denver at Washington L.A. Clippers at Memphis Toronto at New Orleans Portland at Oklahoma City Golden State at Phoenix

New Jersey at Atlanta Columbus at Pittsburgh Kevin Garnett blocks a Kobe Bryant shot last night in Boston. The Lakers beat the Celtics 110-109 in overtime.

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Rov's sone to face trial next summer

Jonathan Roy, the son of NHL Hall of Fame member Patrick Roy, will face trial in July on an assault charge. Jean Asselin, Jonathan Roy's new lawyer, says his client intends to fight the allegations stemming from a brawl during a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League game last March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Silver for Dube and Davison

FIGURE SKATING Canadians Jessica Dube of Drummondville, Que., and partner Bryce Davison of Cambridge, Ont., stormed back to secure a silver medal in the pairs free skate Thursday at the ISU Four Continents figure skating championships in Vancouver. China's Pang Qing and Tong Jian won gold, and countrymen Zhang Dan and Zhang Hao finished third.

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Canadian training strategy fizzles

So much for home track advantage. A bit of gamesmanship backfired in a huge way on the Canadian women's skeleton team Thursday night in the Olympic track's opening race.

Mellisa Hollingsworth plummeted to ninth with a disastrous second run when she ricocheted off the walls like a pinball after being fastest in the first run, while Michelle Kelly

"I guess we learned a lesson."

Mellisa Hollingsworth

placed 10th behind winner Marion Trott of Germany in the World Cup race.

It was a big blow for a Canadian team expecting to contend for medals on this treacherous and technical layout at the Winter Olympics next February.

The Canadians ruffled feathers last week when they didn't show up for training. The strategy was to not give anything away to their competitors after gaining knowledge through extra training.

It didn't impress officials with the sport's governing body, the FIBT, because the tradition is the host country shows the way on a new track.

But there was just one problem with Canada's plan — the track was modified heavily to make it less dangerous and thus had a totally different feel.

Hollingsworth, bronze medallist at the 2006 Turin Olympics, said it was a mistake to skip the training.

"I guess we learned a lesson," she said.

Another lesson learned the hard way for Hollingsworth was the dangers of being too aggressive on the track. She exerted too much pressure on her sled in corner No. 4 and hit the wall and then, as she put it, became like a "water slide ride" as she kept riding up and down the walls. She was 17th out of 21 racers in the second run.

Her watery eyes gave away just how much it hurt.

"It hasn't really set in," said Hollingsworth. "I'm disappointed and angry and a little bit confused



Skeleton driver Mellisa Hollingsworth leaves the track in Whistler after a disastrous second run Thursday.

and so that's why I'm going to have to go back and look at the video, go check out the ice and have a better game plan for next time we come here."

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Carolina Morace, middle, with assistants Andrea Neil, left, and Elisabetta Bavagnoli.

Canada nets Morace

Canadian soccer has scored big, netting a former Italian star to coach its women's team and help in its bid to host the 2015 World Cup.

Calling it "a very significant milestone in the development of women's soccer in our country," Peter Montopoli of the Canadian Soccer Association announced the hiring of Carolina Morace Thursday.

"Our goal is very clear, winning medals on the international stage," Montopoli told a news conference at BMO Field. Montopoli added that the hiring of Morace, a FIFA ambassador appointed by its president Sepp Blatter, is "certainly a step in the right direction" as Canada prepares to bid to host the 2015 Women's World Cup.

While Canada has already told FIFA it's interested in hosting 2015, the bid

"The CSA wants to win and I agree."

Carolina Morace

process isn't expected to begin until sometime next year or 2011.

Morace, who turned 45 Thursday, takes over from Evan Pellerud who stepped down after nine years in 2008 following Canada's quarter-final loss at the Olympics.

Morace played her first game for the Italian women's team at age 14 and finished with 105 goals in 153 games. In 1995, she was FIFA's female player of the year. In 1999, she became the first woman to ever coach a professional men's team in Italy.

"The CSA wants to win and I agree," Morace told reporters. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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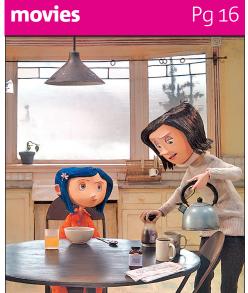
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Bittersweet beauties

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He's Just Not That Into You is a movie worth seeing simply for the star cast of beautiful actresses alone — but be warned, it's not a good his-and-hers date movie. Women watchers will likely find it funny and romantic but also, at times, infuriating.



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Coraline more gripping than the typical family fare.



Vedder explains cover of rare Canadian track Hard Sun.



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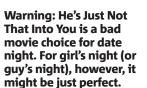
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Into You onto relationships

He's Just Not That Into You

Director: Ken Kwapis
Stars: Drew Barrymore,
Jennifer Aniston
Classification: PG
Rating: ##%

ROBYN YOUNG for Metro Canada



As long as you remember it's only a movie and take care not to read too much into anything — it could be hazardous to your personal life.

The Ken Kwapis romantic comedy boasts a long list of starlets including Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Aniston, Bradley Cooper, Ginnifer Goodwin, Scarlett Johansson, Justin Long, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Connelly.



Scarlett Johansson, left, and Drew Barrymore star in He's Just Not That Into You.

Based on the bestselling self-help book, He's Just Not That Into You, by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo and published in 2004, the premise is that if a guy likes you he'll call, drop by, send flowers, ask you out

and basically do anything and everything he can to be with you.

And as Justin Long's character Alex states over and over again, any behaviour that falls outside of that is "the exception, not

the rule."

"And you're not the exception, you're the rule," he tells Ginnifer Goodwin's character Gigi repeatedly in an attempt to coach her through a myriad of dating disasters.

On the web

• For a He's Just Not That Into You trailer, and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

The film follows a group of interconnected, Baltimore 20- to 30-somethings experiencing varying degrees of relationship successes and failures.

With an interesting take on the 2004 book which is very rigid in its doctrine, it focuses mostly on the "rules" but also makes a valid case that exceptions to those rules do exist and sometimes it's best just to go with how you feel.

Depending on your own relationship status you may find it funny, romantic, alarming, depressing or infuriating.

In any case, it's worth a look for the list of top-billing celebrities alone and with the mix of storylines it'll be easy to relate to at least one of the relationship scenarios.

Waltz offers a distinct journey

Waltz With Bashir

Director: Ari Folman
Classification: STC
Rating: •••

KEVIN COURRIER



REVIEW The Israeli animated feature Waltz with Bashir is a war movie that resists easy categorization.

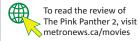
Writer-director Ari Folman, who served in the Israeli army, examines the traumatic aftermath of the 1982 Lebanese War where Palestinians, in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, were massacred by Lebanon's Christian Phalangist militia.

Although the Israeli command were not directly responsible for the killings, they provided cover for the Phalangists to attack.

The murders were perpetrated following the assassination of Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel.

Waltz with Bashir doesn't delve into the political dynamics of the war, but it does something more distinct. Folman takes the viewer on a psychological journey into the tormented and vacant memories of Israeli soldiers who haven't been quite the same since they abetted those horrors two decades earlier.

Folman goes beneath the reported facts and details into the harrowing experiences of young soldiers still trying to sort out memory from nightmare.



Coraline for all ages

Coraline

Director: Henry Selick **Stars:** Dakota Fanning,Teri Hatcher

Classification: PG Rating: ###1/2

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW Based on a popular novel by accomplished author Neil Gaiman, Coraline is, if nothing else, a breath of fresh air in the genre of family fare. Not only is it styled in the classic gothic look mastered by its director Henry Selick in The Nightmare Before

Christmas, but Coraline is the first-ever stop-motion animated flick ever conceived for 3-D.

Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning) is a bored young girl who, after moving into a shared residence called the Pink Palace with her overworked-and-underattentive parents, discovers a mysterious door that leads to alternate universe.

Taking a page right out of the Tim Burton book of Beetlejuice, Selick gives this fantasy a completely compelling look; his perfectly detailed stop-motion artistry the ideal forum for such a brooding fairy tale.





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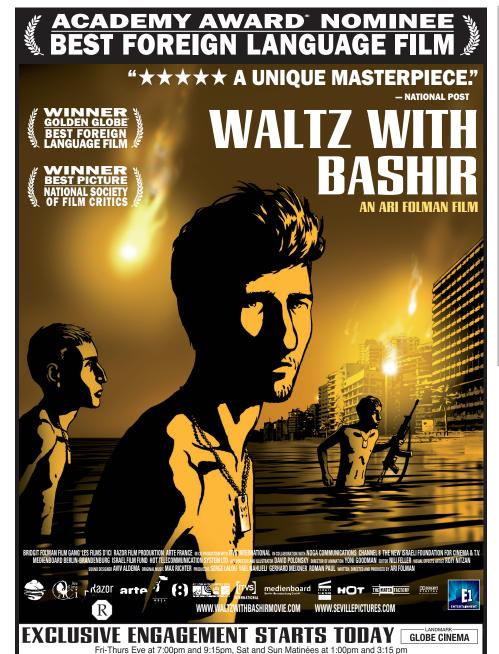
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Convoluted plot mars Push

Push

Director: Paul McGuigan Stars: Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning

Classification: 14A Rating: ##

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

Push is a film for those who might suspect their

palm reader is holding back on them. Exploring an incredulous secret world of the paranormally powered, Push turns psychics into superheroes in the latest thriller from **Lucky Number Slevin's** Paul McGuigan.

Chris Evans (Fantastic Four) stars as a so-called "mover" — someone with the ability to physically move objects telekinetically

– and we're not just talking bending spoons here, folks.

When 13-year-old clairvoyant Cassie (Dakota Fanning) suddenly appears, she demands the pair track down a mysterious briefcase, which is hiding a concoction designed to dramatically intensify psychic ability.

The problem: They must beat a secret government organization to the serum and, specifically, a powerful agent named Henry Carver (Djimon Hounsou) who can force thoughts and emotions into others' minds.

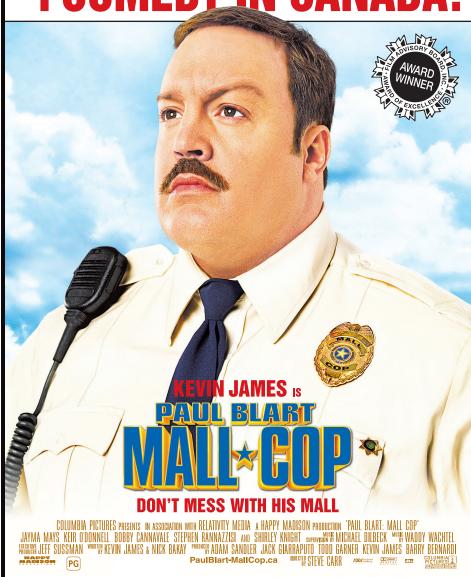
If these characters all sound slightly derivative of the X-Men franchise, they are. But whereas that comic-book flick had a plot that was easy to digest, Push is convoluted and rather dubious. Then again, what do you expect from a flick who you've been hanging around with just by smelling your toothbrush.

Push definitely has some entertaining ideas McGuigan gives thriller a measured pace with lots to look at. But as much as the muted tones of dirty Hong Kong works for the film, this was one mind Push's plot was unable to penetrate.



Chris Evans and Dakota Fanning play psychic superheroes in the sci-fi thriller Push.





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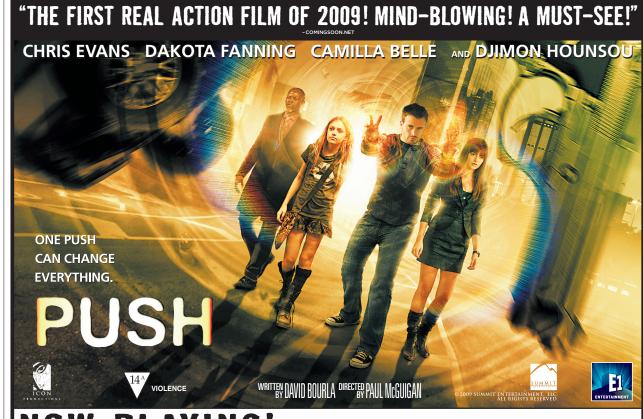
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Rankin Family reunion

BRIAN TOWIE Metro Canada



The Rankin Family knew all about the audacity of hope long before U.S. President Barack Obama came along.

The latest release from the Cape Breton-based family act, titled These Are The Moments, espouses weathering storms with optimism, pitting six new original tracks with the Juno and East Coast Music Award winners' lilting Celtic approach (among them Hopeville and single Breathe Dream Pray Love) alongside remixed classics such as Fare Thee Well Love.

The timeliness of the release was unintentional, say Raylene and Jimmy Rankin, adding plans for the disc were in the works long before 2009's zeitgeist was associated with hope and



These Are The Moments, the latest album from The Rankin Family, was released this week.

change amidst tough times. "We took inspiration from Fare Thee Well Love

and Rise Again and made an album that extended that," says Raylene. "Songs that were about hope and living in the moment and not looking back with regret ... And oddly enough, we started working on this album a good while before all this worldly turmoil had come to the fore. I think this album is very timely.'

The family knows of what they speak. The Rankin Family's successes have been accented by tragedy.

In early 2000, less than a year after the band members announced they would go their separate ways after a decade in the public eye, brother John Morris Rankin died in a car accident in Cape Breton.

After losing the band patriarch, the Rankins wouldn't tour or record together until late 2006, when they released Reunion and successfully toured. But early

In concert

The Rankin Family play the Jubilee Auditorium on Feb. 11 and 12.

2007 brought another loss, when sister and group cofounder Geraldine, who had not been part of the regular lineup, died of a brain aneurysm.

"It was awful at the time," recalls Jimmy of his brother's death.

But brighter days bring new faces. John Morris daughter Molly will join the Rankin roster for selected dates on their current crosscountry tour — the beginning, one might speculate, of a new generation of Rankins.



Read our review of The Ranking Family's new album at metronews.ca

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Eddie Vedder discovers Hard Sun

Sound**Check** Alan **Cross** alan@ongoinghistory.com

ddie Vedder is in a great mood. A few earlier, hours Barack Obama had been sworn in as the 44th president of the United States and Eddie was elated. Ebullient. Euphoric. Effervescently, er,

Although we were going to talk about the upcoming reissue of Pearl Jam's Ten album (due March 24), which we did, eventually, we both got a little sidetracked on a matter of Canadiana.

A big mystery has been how Eddie came to cover Hard Sun by Indio, a nowobscure Canadian artist

who has been AWOL for the better part of 20 years. Although the song still occasionally gets played on Canadian radio, Big Harvest, the album from whence it came, was deleted years ago. It's now one of those Holy Grail collectibles for a certain type of Canadian rock fan.

Then suddenly, it shows up in a Sean Penn movie being sung by the Pearl Jam frontman. So, how did that happen?

cross: How did you come across the song Hard Sun for the Into the Wild soundtrack?

VEDDER: The Canadian connection! When Sean (Penn, the director) first showed me the movie, it was in the film. To be honest, for me, it was the first time I'd ever heard it. But it felt like I had heard it I couldn't tell if it was from the late '60s or mid-'70s. It had this kind of timeless thing about it.



Eddie Vedder

song? **VEDDER:** Sean, at one point, knew Gordon (Peterson, the person behind Indio) or had been

found

in contact with him or had friends who were friends of his. And Sean has really good, really eclectic musical tastes. He can quote Phil Ochs at the drop of a hat or recite a 12-minute Bob Dylan song. I think he knew this fellow, Gordon, and loved this song.

I wrote something for this part of the film (the soundtrack for Into the Wild is essentially an Eddie Vedder solo record) and he said "I think that's good, but I think we need to go with Hard Sun." And I thought, "Great. That's less work for me to do. And

then he said, "No, no. Sean Penn YOUR version of it.' I tried to be really true to

his delivery. It's a great, great song. But I've not met (Peterson) or talked to him. I hope he liked it.

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New faces on Dancing With The Stars

Denise Richards and Jackass star Steve-O are set to appear on Dancing With The Stars, according to femalefirst.co.uk. They are believed to be joining legendary singer Stevie Wonder in the line-up. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Going Out

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HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY

For more great events around the city, visit: metronews.ca/entertainment

Vivaldi's Gloria!

When: Sat. at 7:30 p.m. Where: Jack Singer Concert Hall, EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts, 205 – 8 Ave SE.

Hear the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's rendition of Vivaldi's Gloria and music from Pergolesi, promising to be an evening of tuneful melodies mixed with soulful and poignant music.

Nix

When: Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. Where: Olympic Plaza, 7 Ave and Macleod Tr SE.

Ghost River Theatre presents Canada's first theatre of snow and ice at Olympic Plaza, with their newest production follows a few survivors and an arsonist through the fireworks at the end of the world. Come prepared with lots of layers.

David Burdeny: North/South

When: Debuts Saturday. Where: Herringer Kiss Gallery, 709A – 11 Ave SW.

David Burdeny's photographs show the wintry landscapes of Greenland, Iceland and Antarctica at the Herringer Kiss Gallery this weekend.

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Picture This Film Festival

When: Sat. at 6 p.m. Where: La Joie de Vivre, 1008 -14 St SE.

Canada's first international film festival focusing on people with disabilities debuts Saturday with a gala awards evening. Films are shown Monday to Wednesday.

Sugar Sammy

When: Sat. at 8 p.m. Where: MacEwan Hall, University of Calgary, 2500 University Dr NW.

The Just for Laughs popular comedian Sugar Sammy brings his jokes to the University of Calgary. He's known for stirring up the multi-cultural melting pot in most urban centres today.

Colin Linden and Whitey Johnson

When: Sat. at 8 p.m. Where: Engineered Air Theatre, EPCOR Centre for the Performing Arts, 205 – 8 Ave

Two of the great bluesmen, Colin Linden and Whitey Johnson, perform as part of the Carma Acoustic Blues Series.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot

He's Just Not **That Into** You

FILM Smells like a girls' night out. The bestselling self-help book gets the silver screen treatment, with a host of Hollywood A-listers (Scarlett Johansson. Ben Affleck among them) on board. Box-office gold and female fandom seem inevitable.



Google Latitude **APPLICATION** Want to know where your kids are? The Internet giant's new software released this week will enable people with mobile phones and other wireless devices to automatically share their whereabouts

with family and friends.

Nick and No-**Infinite Playlist DVD** Although this

New York romance is aimed squarely at the teen set, the smart dialogue and smarter soundtrack make it a perfect Valentine's Day rental for everyone. Superbad star Michael Cera and indie-darling Kat Dennings play the title characters.

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Grammy Awards

TV North American music industry's biggest night features Coldplay and Lil Wayne among performers and nominees this year. Nods for Radiohead's download miracle In Rainbows add a little hipster gloss to the whole affair. Airs Sunday on Global at 8 p.m. ET.

Christian Bale's rant remix VIDEO Here's a formula for a YouTube hit: Mix trashy techno with celebrity F-bombs. Los Angeles knob-twiddler RevoLucian did just that with the recently leaked tape of Christian Dark Knight Bale's on-set meltdown. The ensuing result is as viral as they get.

Fendi's Peek-A-Boo handbag **FASHION** The Italian fashion house unzipped this musthave accessory in Miami and wowed style pundits. Ver sions seen so far: tan leather with a python interior, and black suede with netting on the outside. The bags

will be available in the U.S. next month.

Erykah Badu's childbirth blog

BLOG The American singer gave birth to a baby girl last weekend and Twittered the whole experience. While many artists have begun using the social-networking site to make announcements about their careers, Badu might be the first on record to use it to chronicle a birth.



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Dress rearets



Style icon Sarah Jessica Parker has revealed her biggest fashion regret was her wedding dress, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Sex and the City star wore black at her wedding to Matthew Broderick. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Noel the next U.K. prime minister?

POLITICS Noel Gallagher wants to be Britain's next prime minister, female first.co.uk reports. The Oasis star plans on having a "proper laugh" once he is running the country. He said: "There will be a groundswell of public opinion sooner or later which will carry me into office. And let me tell you, I'll only be there five years and it'll all end in tears — but it

will be a proper, proper laugh while it's happening.

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Pot pics tough to explain to mom

DRUGS Michael Phelps admits it "definitely wasn't easy" explaining those pot pics to his mom, Debbie, a middle-school principal, usmagazine.com reports. "Seeing my mom reminded me of how it was the day after I got my DUI, and I swore to myself I'd never do that again," Phelps who was arrested in 2004 at age 19 for DUI - told the Baltimore Sun. The swimmer could face criminal charges for the alleged marijuana incident, The State newspaper



Cruise loving life in Brazilian capital

TRAVEL Apparently Tom Cruise hasn't been hanging out in Rio de Janeiro just to promote his film Valkyrie. While staying in the Brazilian city with wife Kaite Holmes, Cruise "took a side trip to the private island of plastic surgeon Dr. Ivo Pitanguy, who has his own landing strip and a menagerie of exotic animals," according to Page Six. He also told reporters he fell in love with Brazil watching movies about samba and tango — although the tango is an Argentine dance.

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Rihanna is obsessed with boyfriend Brown

RELATIONSHIPS Rihanna is so obsessed with boyfriend Chris Brown she can't let him out of her sight, acto femalefirst. cording co.uk.

The singer started dating Brown in 2007 and friends claim she's so in love she doesn't like being separated from him.

A source told America's OK magazine: "She has to have Chris around her 24/7. If Chris is with her on a photo shoot and steps away for a second, she starts saying, 'Where did he go?'

"If Chris isn't with her, she wants to call and check in every second. She's crazy about him. Rihanna constantly talks about Chris."

The 20-year-old singer who prompted rumours she was engaged to Brown, 19, last month when she was spotted wearing a giant diamond ring — has previously admitted she finds being on her own difficult. She said: "My biggest challenge is being away from my family and friends, and all the people I love and I'm used to being around. It's hard for me to just throw that all away and be by my-METRO NEWS

Alba 'cried' during post-baby workouts wants the world to know

her body-after-baby secret – and it has nothing to do with celery sticks or crunches at the gym, people.com reports.

"I wore a girdle," the actress, 28, tells the March issue of Elle. "Eight weeks after my girlfriend had her baby, you could see her six-pack. She told me to put an elastic band around my waist any kind of band or girdle works."

er as fast as she did. I don't have a six-pack — that's just not my body at all."

The actress confesses that she tried working out to get in shape for a calendar



Britney, ex close to custody deal

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Britney Spears and Kevin Federline close to finalizing a custody arrangement allowing them both time to spend with their sons during Spears tour.

people.com ports. Federline's lawyer Mark Vincent Kaplan tells E! News that an agreement can be reached in 'probably the next day.' Spears al-

ready has said sons Preston,

Jayden, 2, would be joining her on the road when her two-month Circus kicks off on March 3 in New Orleans

Spears will probably see her boys on "pretty much the same schedule that she has now," Kaplan tells E!.

Federline, 30, has primary custody of the boys, but Spears, 27, has nearly 50-50 access to them in visitation METRO NEWS

Miley says pics just 'goofy'

CONTROVERSY Miley Cyrus is finally speaking out on controversial photos that show her using her fingers to make her eyes slant, which is considered degrading to Asian people, usmagazine reports.

'I've also been told there are some people upset about some pictures tak-

en of me with friends making goofy faces! Well, I'm sorry if those people looked at those pics and took them wrong and out of context!" she writes on her official fansite. "In по way was making fun

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nicity! I was simply making a goofy face. When did that become newsworthy?" she adds. "It seems someone is trying to make something out of nothing to me. If that would of [sic] been anyone else, it would of been overlooked! I definitely feel like the press is trying to make me out as the new 'BAD

An advocate group released a statement earlier saying the 16year-old "encouraged and legitimized the taunting and mocking of people of Asian descent, (and) she has also insulted her many Asian Pacific American fans.' **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Beyoncé has 'no business' singing my songs: James

enough of Beyoncé Knowles stealing her act. Knowles portrayed James the film Cadillac Records and performed

LEGEND Soul veteran Etta

James has apparently had

James' classic hit At Last for Barack Obama at an inauguration ball for the U.S. presi-

James said at a Seattle concert, according to Perez Hilton. "I can't stand Beyoncé. She has no business up there." But now James is hitting



Bale's mom explains temper

IMAGE Christian Bale's of assault last year. And mother says his wild tem-Harrison Cheung, Christper is a result of how ian's former assishis father treated tant, was more than him as a child. Jenny happy to corroborate: "If something Bale told the Daily Mirror that her perwasn't just so, Christian would fectionist son was repeatedly humiliaterupt. He would yell ed by his father. until he was red in the face. It was very "People might 4 now realize that that intimidating." is his temper," METRO NEWS

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Andrew Schultz, Weather Specialist – Breakfast Television





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Sudoku

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7 Unpleasant sight 8 Overly decorous one 9 Back talk

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16 Blood of the gods 20 Rocker Winehouse

23 Praise to the skies 24 Count counterpart

25 Quaker's address 26 Prefix with "sphere" 27 Outsiders

28 Aesopian also-ran

29 Enjoyment

32 Footstool

33 Approximately

35 Cushion

36 Potpourri pouch 38 Greedy kid's cry

39 Pants style named for an

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43 "Unh-unh' 44 Despot

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46 Female lobster 47 Coffee vessel

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME	:
Under 13 min	Genius
13-17 min	Scholar

17-21 minSmart 21-25 minNot bad 25+ min.....Keep practising

Fish and **Vegetable Stew**

INGREDIENTS:

11/2 tbsp (20 ml) olive oil 2 onions, finely chopped 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

1 large red pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

1 lb (500 g) sweet potato, peeled and cut into cubes 2 cups (500 ml) fish or vegetable stock

1 tsp (5 ml) chopped fresh thyme

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 2/3 cups (400 ml) frozen peas, thawed and drained 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) corn kernels

1 lb (500 g) skinless white fish fillets, cut into bitesized pieces

Fresh thyme leaves to garnish

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large frying pan with lid over moderate heat. Add onions and garlic and cook 5 minutes,

stirring frequently, until onions are light gold. 2. Add red pepper and sweet potato, cover and cook 5 minutes, or until sweet potato begins to soften. Stir in stock, thyme and pinch of salt. Boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes, or until sweet potato is just tender. Stir in peas and corn kernels. 3. Place fish on top of vegetables. Cover and cook gently 8-10 minutes, or until fish is cooked through. Season to taste with black pepper, then serve immediately sprinkled with fresh thyme leaves.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on



AVATAR VENUS

Horoscopes

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Your resourcefulness will be indispensable in a crisis. Try to be surprised when you're told an idea. You'll contact an old friend with a new device.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

You'll confide your wishes to a trusted friend. A social event will become ridiculous. woman's timing will be off.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

A woman will inspire an admir-

er's love poetry. Someone wants to take advantage of you. You might have to lend money to a friend.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

An ironic twist of fate will have a weird benefit. Bizarre deeds will cause tempers to flare. A miserable affair will come to a blissful end.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Brace yourself for some unfair accusations. A man will bend the rules to win. You'll be put to the test by a free-thinker.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You'll learn to control your inclination to be outspoken. Mechanical trouble slows down your progress. A man won't respond to urgent messages.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

You have to be practical about an illness. Your sympathy won't help to fan the flames of love. Eat sparingly or you'll risk getting an upset stomach.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

You'll give advice to a traumatized person. A woman will let go of a grudge. Someone will discover that you lied.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You'll get your chance to catch up to a show-off. A high level of excitement will thrill you. You'll think twice before overindulging in delicious foods.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

A former sweetheart will have a change of heart. Don't be surprised when an older friend calls. A nasty person is very depressed.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

You'll have to clear a path between friends. The subject of security will come up in a dispute. You'll analyze your instinctive reactions.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Information about a confusing issue will calm your fears. Chaos will develop when someone gets a crazy notion. You'll find it easy to forgive someone.

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